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OF TEST STRIPS (as amended)
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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report for filing in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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